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RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

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Newsletter

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Sleet and Snowflake Greetings!!

In January we all enjoyed Andrea Gianchiglia's oil demonstration as she painted a handsome and very fetching dog with soulful eyes. We were informed and entertained! This month you will definitely want to come out **Monday, February 28, 2011, 7:30 pm, for Ed Baumlin's watercolor demo.** "Right now I plan to do something that involves animals, like horses or sheep using a limited palette." Ed has won many awards for his beautiful, strong watercolors-do go to his excellent website <http://www.edbaumlinartist.com/> and you will see some of his fine work. Ed was President of the Hunterdon Watercolor Society and is also a member of the Garden State Watercolor Society, NJ American Artist Professional League, the New Jersey Water Color Society, Artsbridge, and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, among other organizations. Come on out and have a great evening! Hospitality volunteers for that evening are needed. Please call President Linda Arnold 908/647-3610.

Judy Hummer has volunteered to run our two month show in the spacious gallery at the Senior Wellness Center, near Bernardsville, about two minutes from Rt. 287. Thank you, Judy! There is a form at the end of the Newsletter for you to mail off for her. You may enter one work. The show will run from the end of March through the beginning of May. For more information, please phone Judy at 908/218-1786.

Vip We need a volunteer to run our Big Apple Bus Trip. We have always gone, from time immemorial, to New York City for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club. But we need a volunteer to run it this year. It's usually the last Saturday in April-so do save the date. And do phone President Linda at 908/647-3610 to volunteer. You can phone Mary Ann Vaccaro at 908-704-1685 to find out what is involved before you volunteer, if you wish. She'll give you all the info-**you can do it....please!**

The Bridgewater Township Exhibit continues to run. When we find out anything more about this you will be notified asap.

Farmstead Arts Exhibits You perhaps remember that our President Linda Arnold was in the inaugural exhibit of the Farmstead Arts Group. She tells us that they are looking for exhibitors. We have two email addresses for the woman in charge of exhibits: rom: juliemccarthy@optonline.net and juliem@rocketmail.com or you might call 1-347/927-8748. Farmstead Arts Activities for February include the **JOHN CARLINI TRIO** as well as the **BETH MURPHY BOTANICALS EXHIBIT, SALE & WORKSHOP**, at the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead, 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge 07920. There will be an Introduction to Botanicals Workshop, **Saturday, February 12, 10-11:30 AM - Free**. \$15 Donation to Farmstead Arts suggested. Beth Murphy will demonstrate the technique of pressing materials and will provide assistance in creating a unique botanical artwork. Attendees should bring a small paint brush. For more information about Beth Murphy Botanicals, visit www.bethmurphybotanicals.com . **To register for the workshop online, visit:** <http://botanicalsfarmsteadarts.eventbrite.com>. You may also call 347-927-8748, or send an email to farmsteadartscenter@gmail.com .

You can still phone about **Trinity United Church "Artist of the Month" Series** - RVAA member Kit Bebbington runs these. Please phone Kit at 732/356-3730 if you are interested in exhibiting. Also, Megyn Craine of the Dessert Plate Bakery and Cafe invites us to exhibit at their establishment in Somerville (34 East Main Street). This is where Santa's helpers make all those great cookies they handed out (at the Somerville tree lighting) to you last year! Megyn Craine has wall space where (select) RVAA artists can display their stuff. Please phone her at 908/722-9881. You can mention you heard about it from Amy Erdman of the Raritan Valley Arts Association. Recently Bob Erdman, member Amy Erdman's husband, has had an excellent photography exhibit up there. (Editor's note: do check out their delightful website www.thedessertplate.com .

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

SANDRA SNOWFLAKE is delighted to be part of a humongous group show currently on exhibit in Bridgewater, Liberty Corner, Somerville, and many other venues.

PAULINE POTHOLE welcomes many new members to her **Roadways of New Jersey** exhibit. More and more potholes are appearing all over New Jersey.

DEBRA DEER, SAMMY SQUIRREL, and BERTIE BIRD are actively looking for food. Volunteers are needed to feed them and their friends a nourishing dinner.

PENNY PHOTOGRAPHER is awash in photographs of snowflakes, deer visitors, and other **Children of the Snow**.

Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news (otherwise there will be more wintry characters emerging in the Member News column)

**RVAA – SENIOR WELLNESS CENTER SHOW
202 Mt. Airy Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ**

March 28, 2011 through May 6, 2011

All current RVAA members are welcome to participate in the show. One original work may be submitted. Acceptable media includes oil, pastel, watercolor, collage, and acrylic. Works may not exceed 40 inches in any direction. All artwork must be securely framed and wired for hanging. There is space for 23 paintings. There is a possibility that we will have to go to a jury if more than 23 submissions are made.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Entries will be juried if more than 23 works have been submitted to the show. (If there are fewer than 23 submissions then no jury will be necessary). Phone calls will be made only to those that have been declined. Declined works may be picked up at the regular RVAA meeting scheduled for that same evening or at the Wellness center between 3:00 and 5:00pm that same day (Mar. 28).

FEE: \$10.00 for one submission

RECEIVING:

Artwork is to be brought by the artist to the Senior Wellness Center on Monday, March 28, 2011 between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

INSURANCE FORM:

An insurance form must be filled out and will be distributed during our regular RVAA meetings or extras will be available at the time of receiving.

RECEPTION:

Word on a possible reception to be announced shortly.

PICKUP OF ARTWORK:

Artwork must be picked up by the artist on Friday, May 6, 2011 between 10:00 and 12:00 noon.

SOLD WORKS:

Any artwork that is sold is to remain hanging until the show is over. Sold works may be picked up during the take-down of the show. Proper identification must be presented in order to pick up sold work (and for unsold work for that matter). Sales tax is responsibility of the artist. The Wellness Center is to receive 10% of the proceeds resulting from the sales during the show. All checks will be made payable to the artist.

QUESTIONS:

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Judy Hummer (908)218-1786.

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION WELLNESS CENTER SHOW ENTRY FORM

Complete the form below and submit entire form with entry fee at receiving (03/28/2011)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RVAA (\$10.00)

Receiving Date: Monday, March 28, 2011 (10:00 - 12:00)

Take down date: Friday, May 6, 2011 (10:00 - 12:00)

DO NOT DETACH

Artist: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____ Entry # _____

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